

Mr. LAPOINTE: These estimates refer to last year. The question of the indemnity of the late member will no doubt be considered when the estimates for the present year come before the House.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I should like an explanation of the second item, to increase the salary of the secretary to the leader of the opposition.

Mr. ROBB: It has been customary for many years to provide for the secretary to the leader of the opposition, and we thought this was a reasonable increase of his salary considering the work he has to do.

Item agreed to.

General—for distribution to members of parliament of publications of the League of Nations, \$750.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Do these publications include the publications of the Labour branch of the League of Nations? If they do, those publications are not coming to me.

Mr. LAPOINTE: My friend will see that the amount involved is very small. I know that the publications of the International Labour Bureau are printed as well as documents concerning the League of Nations. I find them in the library; I am afraid they are not distributed.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): I realize that the item is obviously not adequate to cover the cost of distribution of these publications to all the members of the House and Senate. Frankly, I think the information contained in many of the publications is well worth distribution, and I would suggest to the minister the desirability of increasing the vote in order that members might be supplied with copies of all these publications.

Mr. LAPOINTE: The suggestion will be taken into consideration. Meanwhile I may point out to my friend that he will find copies of the publications in the parliamentary library.

Mr. GARLAND (Bow River): Yes, but when you are two thousand miles away it is very difficult to hunt for those publications in the parliamentary library. It is much more convenient to have them come through the mails.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I agree.

Item agreed to.

Agriculture—for the administration of the Destructive Insect and Pest Act, and necessary buildings, additional amount required, \$70,000.

Mr. TOLMIE: Will the minister kindly furnish particulars of this item?

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture): The amount inserted in the main estimates last year was too small, consequently this item is inserted to bring up the vote to the amount for the preceding year. There is always a certain amount of work to be done to hold in check insects and pests that have already established themselves here as well as to try to keep out others that have not yet gained a footing. In the orchards, in our agriculture and in the forest there are various pests to contend with.

Mr. TOLMIE: Were necessary buildings not anticipated?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: This is the regular designation of the vote. We do not anticipate any buildings in this vote.

Item agreed to.

To meet expenses in connection with preparations for the World's Poultry Congress, 1927, \$23,000.

Mr. TOLMIE: Will this vote be ample to make a good showing for Canada at that congress?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Salary and expenses of agricultural produce marketing agent, additional amount required, \$5,000.

Mr. TOLMIE: Is this a new vote?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: This applies to Mr. Wilson, who has been established in the Canada building on Trafalgar square for a few years. The vote has stood at \$10,000. The primary object of the appointment has been to keep us constantly acquainted with matters relating to the export trade and to detect defects in our export surplus products either in the matter of quality or as regards containers. The expenditure has served a useful purpose.

Mr. TOLMIE: This does not mean an addition to his salary?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I am sorry to say it does not.

Item agreed to.

Experimental farms, additional amount required for work with tobacco, \$5,000.

Mr. TOLMIE: Is any of this vote for work in British Columbia?